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ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

November 6, 1982

SHERATON CENTRE, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Present: Ronald L. Akers Malcolm W. Klein Joseph E. Scott
Harry E. Allen J. Robert Lilly Terence Thornberry
Richard Ball Harold E. Pepinsky Austin Turk
Roland Chilton Joan Petersilia Gordon Waldo
Travis Hirschi Albert Reiss, Jr. Marguerite Q. Warren

President Travis Hirschi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1983 PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #1)

Joseph E. Scott, 1983 Program Chair, reported that the 1983 meeting will be held at the Denver Hilton Hotel, and he is negotiating with them at the present time regarding the room rates. The Hilton has quoted the rates of \$76.00 for singles and \$92.00 for doubles. This includes a 15% reduction off their rack rates. Scott informed them that he would not accept these rates, and the Hilton reported their bottom line was \$68.00 for singles and \$88.00 for doubles. Scott noted he will still try to negotiate for lower room rates. Harry Allen stated that if the consensus of the Board was that the room rates are too high, the matter of selecting another meeting site be considered. The seminars/workshops have been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. At the present time Scott is tentatively planning for three seminars--one two-day structured model and estimation techniques limited to 20 people at \$25.00 for two days. This projected figure should be enough to cover the person teaching the course, his/her hotel accommodations and meals. Scott noted that by assessing this token amount, we can be assured that the person will attend the workshop. Two one-days seminars are scheduled on Monday and Tuesday; one involving the Michigan program on criminal justice archives with possibly Colin Loftin and the other workshop is completely open at this time. Scott welcomed ideas for this workshop. The matter of honorariums for the program staff was discussed. It was noted that the Michigan people should not be given stipends as they are paid to run programs as part of their grant. As long as the projected income for the workshops can cover the proposed expenses for the program staff, and would not be an additional expense for the Society, it would seem feasible to offer an honorarium to the program staff involved.

Scott noted that the tentative program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday and run through Saturday noon, November 12. Approximately five or six plenary sessions are planned. The theme of the meeting is "The Causes and Consequences of Crime: Multidisciplinary Contributions." The five major areas on the program and Program Committee members are:

- 1) The Criminal Justice System (Rita Simon, Institute of Communicatio Research)
- 2) Criminal Policy: Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation (Maynard L. Erickson, University of Arizona)
- 3) Criminological Research Issues and Specialized Topics (Charles R. Tittle, Florida Atlantic University)
- 4) Criminological Theory (Steven Spitzer, Suffolk University)
- 5) Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Criminology (Saleem A. Shah, Ctr. for Studies of Crime and Delinquency, N.I.M.H.)

Scott noted that both the Division on International Criminology and the Division on Women and Crime have indicated their willingness to set up sessions for the meeting. The deadline for submitting papers for the meeting is April 1, 1983. Scott reported that a major emphasis is planned on the mass media.

Scott reported that he had met with the Finance Committee in helping to prepare the 1983 meeting budget. Copies of the proposed meeting budget were distributed to the Board with 850 participants anticipated and a projected income of \$26,500.00. The Committee suggested reducing the estimated attendance to 800 with a projected income of \$25,000 and increasing the projected expenses from \$17,000 to \$20,000. Scott noted that the budget will be revised in line of the Finance Committee's suggestions, and a new budget will be prepared for the February Board meeting. Richard Ball reported that the Finance Committee was concerned regarding the reduced registration fee for the meeting. Scott reported that he had requested support from OSU and some release time from teaching for the program preparation, but had received a letter stating that the Society should support itself. Klein suggested that Scott try to obtain student help to do a lot of the clerical and organizational work.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #2)

Ronald Akers, Chair of the Nominations Committee, distributed the report of his Committee to the Board for their consideration. Nominees are:

President-Elect (ranked): (1) Austin Turk and (2) Don Gibbons

Additional Nominees: (3) LaMar Empey; (4) Albert Cohen;
(5) Marguerite Q. Warren

Vice President-Elect (ranked): (1) Lois DeFleur and (2) Joan McCord

Additional Nominees: (3) LaMar Empey and (4) Albert Cohen

Executive Counselor (unranked): William Chambliss, Drew Humphries, Gary Jensen, and Margaret Zahn

Additional Nominees: Roy Austin, Chris Eskridge, Theodore Ferdinand, and Peggy Giordano

A motion was made by Malcolm Klein and seconded by Gordon Waldo to move the acceptance of the slate of candidates as presented. Following a brief discussion, Klein withdrew his motion which was agreed to by Waldo.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky that the President-Elect nominations be Austin Turk and Marguerite Q. Warren, with additional nominees of Don Gibbons, LaMar Empey and Albert Cohen; seconded by Albert Reiss, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Malcolm Klein to move the acceptance of the balance of the slate of candidates. Harry E. Allen moved a friendly amendment for the office of the Vice President-Elect. Motion carried unanimously for the ranking by the Nominations Committee of the nominees for Vice President-Elect.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Gordon Waldo to move the acceptance of the nominees for Executive Counselor as prepared by the Nominations Committee. Discussion followed on accepting the Nominations Committee slate of five candidates for President-Elect and ending with two candidates on the slate, noting there should be some degree of movement of nominees permitted on the slate.

Motion failed (6 to 5) on the list of nominees prepared by the Nominations Committee. A motion was made by Gordon Waldo and seconded by Joan Petersilia to place the name of LaMar Empey in place of Drew Humphries on the list of nominees for Executive Counselor. Motion carried. (1 abstained; 1 vote against).

President Hirschi announced that Marguerite Q. Warren has withdrawn her name from the slate of President-Elect due to her impending retirement. A motion was made by Malcolm Klein and seconded by Harold E. Pepinsky that the new slate for President-Elect be Austin Turk and Don Gibbons, with LaMar Empey and Albert Cohen as additional nominees. A friendly amendment was made by Albert Reiss, Jr. and seconded by Terence Thornberry to replace Albert Cohen with LaMar Empey for the office of President-Elect, substituting Don Gibbons where Empey was previously listed. The modified slate was approved by the Executive Board (one vote opposed).

President-Elect: Austin Turk and LaMar Empey

Additional Nominees: Don Gibbons and Albert Cohen

Vice President-Elect: Lois DeFleur and Joan McCord

Additional Nominee: Albert Cohen

Executive Counselor: William Chambliss, Don Gibbons, Gary Jensen and Margaret Zahn

Additional Nominees: Drew Humphries, Roy Austin, Chris Eskridge, Theodore Ferdinand and Peggy Giordano

Roland Chilton will contact each of the candidates to seek their willingness for their names to be placed on the election ballot.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #3)

Richard Ball, chair of the Finance Committee, distributed copies of the proposed 1983 budget for the Board's consideration. He noted the Committee expressed concern over the proposed 1983 Annual Meeting Budget in that they projected \$2500 more income than was projected by the Finance Committee on the Society's 1983 budget, and also that the Committee felt that 800 participants was a more realistic figure than 850 proposed by the Program Committee. The feeling of the Finance Committee is to be conservative with the Society's funds. Ball also noted that the Finance Committee was leary of the meeting registration fee being reduced by \$5.00. By staying with this year's meeting registration fee, an additional \$1600 could be projected. Reiss noted that we may be overly optimistic about Denver and anticipating 800 participants and should not consider reducing the registration fee.

A motion was made to ask the treasurer to talk with Sarah Hall about her interest in a TIAA program and report on this matter at the spring meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Malcolm Klein and seconded by Albert Reiss, Jr. to move the acceptance of the 1983 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Attachment #4)

Marguerite Q. Warren, chair of the Publications Committee, reported that Sage Publications has expressed dissatisfaction with the Sage Research Progress Series. She reported that she contacted Mitch Allen of Sage and asked him to prepare a statement outlining Sage's concerns. (Statement attached.) Warren reported that she had also contacted Michael Gottfredson, editor of the Research Progress Series, and Mike expressed his own concerns regarding the difficulties of letting the volumes arise from the papers of the meeting; quality; delay in knowing what the topics are going to be, etc. She noted that Mike would be perhaps supportive of some of the ideas suggested by Mitch Allen of Sage. The Society's agreement with Mike was to serve a three year term as editor of the Series and the editing of the volumes of this year's meeting will be the last for Mike and the Society will be looking for a new editor. If the Society decides to run out their contract with Sage on this series, there would only be one more year at issue and Gottfredson could be persuaded to stay an additional year. If we hope to continue with Sage in some different format, a new series editor should be looked into now.

President Hirschi noted that the first option suggested by Sage -- a single edited "symposium" volume -- planned in advance for this fall seems a reasonable one and Gottfredson has agreed to help us and carry out this kind of format for one year. ASC would arrange for one or several symposia with invited speakers at the annual meeting, possibly including award winners, possibly speaking on the theme of the convention. The papers delivered at these symposia would form the nucleus of a volume on the theme of the symposia, a nucleus that could be reduced if the symposia papers are not of high enough quality and which could be supplemented by other papers on that same theme delivered at the conference or invited after the conference rather than many volumes with poor focus and modest quality. It would produce one volume of high quality, tight focus, on an important issue and with many luminaries of the field contributing. It is conceivable that with sufficient text appeal and professional interest that this volume, longer than the current ones (250-320 printed pages), would produce as much revenue as four or five

are currently and have a much greater impact on the field than the Series does. In addition, text sales over a long period of time might make a book like this generate income to the Society for years. An annual series of these "symposia" volumes might prove both important and profitable to the Society and Sage.

Reiss noted that maybe we did not need a series editor in the sense of the past, but rather appoint an editor for each theme or several themes a year -- if the president has a theme, an editor would be appointed; award winning papers published on an alternate year with theme volumes in addition. Reiss suggested that the Publications Committee prepare a proposal for symposia editors rather than a single editor for the series for the Board's consideration at its February meeting. A motion to consider Sage's suggestion for "symposium" volumes was approved by the Board.

Allen inquired as to the elimination of the soft cover proposed by Sage and how this would affect the Society. Warren noted that there was a large difference in money between the hard and soft cover volumes, noting a 200 page book for \$20 is unreasonable -- it may help Sage but cannot be helping the Society. Reiss noted that Sage is offering a 25% discount to ASC Members, but maybe a 40% discount for members could be considered. Possibly the Publications Committee could renegotiate with Sage for the final year and see if they can get a better deal than the current 25%.

Warren reported that a new editor for CRIMINOLOGY will be needed as well and that a search should be put out immediately and hopefully to receive some applications before the February Board meeting. If anyone knows of someone interested in assuming this position, please have them forward their names to her as soon as possible. The new editor will begin his/her duties a year from now. The Publications Committee will begin their search immediately.

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME (Attachment #5)

Marguerite Warren distributed copies of the revised Constitution for the Division of Women and Crime of The American Society of Criminology to the Board for their consideration, noting that all revisions were capitalized and underlined.

A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Austin Turk to approved the revised Constitution with an amendment to #VIII - Dues -- noting subject to approval of the Executive Board of The American Society of Criminology. Motion carried.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Harry E. Allen reported on behalf of the Site Selection Committee chair, Edward Latessa. The Committee's recommended site for 1987 is Chicago, Illinois. A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Roland Chilton to approve the site of Chicago For the 1987 Annual Meeting. Motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Harold E. Pepinsky reported that at the Annual Business Meeting Tony Platt made a resolution that the ASC Executive Board consider different exhibit rates for groups that were essentially from not-for-profit publishing houses or community groups in setting up displays at the annual meeting, noting that the Western Society of Criminology and ASA has such a fee structure. The resolution passed. Pepinsky stated that he would like to look into the matter and obtain information from ASA and the Western Society of Criminology and present this information, through Travis Hirschi, at the February Board meeting.

Student Paper Awards: A suggestion was made to consider renaming of the ASC awards -- possibly the ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition -- in honor of Michael Hindelang on, say, best student empirically focussed paper. A motion was made by Roland Chilton suggesting that the Awards Committee be asked to look into the restructuring of the student awards and present their recommendations at our spring meeting. Reiss noted that this idea should be looked at very carefully.

ASC Employment Exchange: Roland Chilton noted that there are people in the Society who think that the Employment Exchange system could be improved if there was some full-time approach made by possibly having a member of the Society setting up and organizing the Exchange; having people set up appointments at the meeting with the Exchange. He inquired if there was a better way to organize the Exchange if there were some use of Society funds.

Harry E. Allen noted that June Morrison of the University of Arizona will be retiring this year and inquired if the Society, through the president, could acknowledge her contributions to criminology. Seconded by Harold E. Pepinsky. Agreed upon by acclimation.

NEXT ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President Hirschi reported three sites for consideration of the next Executive Board meeting -- Denver, Tucson, or Las Vegas. Western Society of Criminology is holding their Annual Meeting at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, February 24-27, and has invited the ASC Board to meet in conjunction with them. A motion was made by Harold E. Pepinsky and seconded by Harry E. Allen to hold the next Executive Board Meeting of the ASC in Las Vegas, February 26, 1983. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Chilton
Executive Secretary